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Dear Food & Drug Administration,

The AMERICAN Public Health is at an ALARMING HIGH HEALTH RISK if xenotransplantation (animal-to-human transplants) occur. This procedure without a doubt will introduce deadly new diseases into the human population. To use "other-living-beings" which are different, not only from humans, but also from each other, anatomically, physiologically, immunologically, genetically & right down to basic cellular structure, should be reason enough for this procedure not to occur or even be considered.

Not only will animals, especially the pig (who experience emotional & physical pain & who has the ability to communicate to us) be introduced to horrific physical procedures, but humans too will pay the price & suffer in many ways. To introduce into the human body viruses & unknown diseases is definitely not medicine. The American Public should be focused on prevention, rather then an unhealthy lifestyle.

There is a reason our immune system is designed to identify & reject foreign objects. To attempt to change our basic structure is against nature & opening up in all likelihood an uncontrollable Pandora's box.

Every year thousands of Americans are buried with organs that are suitable for donation, far exceeding the 3,400 who die while on the donor waiting list. Why for such a small number, are you willing to expose the public to risks of infectious diseases & unknown diseases?

What has happened to basic COMMON SENSE ? Please protect the American Public from such a devastating injustice, risk to our health and the future of our children.
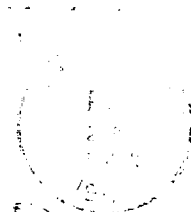
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